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Community Calendar

7th Annual Curling Royale Tournament set in Romulus

The 7th Annual Curling Royal in "R" District is planned for 2 p.m. Jan.18 at Mary Ann Banks Park in Romulus.

Four-person teams can now complete the recommended pre-registration or register beginning at noon the day of the games.

Registration is $100 per team or $25 per individual player.

All proceeds will help fund the "Great Lakes Burn Camp for Kids."

Checks should be made payable to Great Lakes Burn Camp.

Register at the Community Development Office in Romulus City Hall at 11111 Wayne Road or online at https://www.romulusgov.com/.../7th-Annual-Curling-Royale-132 or by calling (734) 942-7545.

This event is weather permitting. The backup date is Saturday, Jan. 25.

No experience is necessary for this event, and snacks and refreshments are available for purchase.

A special Happy Hour at Artisan Reserve is planned following the event.

Northville Community Awards Dinner tickets now on sale

Tickets for the annual Northville Community Annual Awards Dinner organized by the Northville Chamber of Commerce are now available.

The event which recognized a variety of civic accomplishments including business excellence, volunteers of the year and the prestigious John Genitti Citizen of the Year award will be presented during the event.

The event is planned to begin with cocktails at 5 p.m. Feb. 6 at Genitti's Hole in the Wall with dinner scheduled for 6 p.m. For tickets, contact the chamber office. Award nominations are also being accepted.

Plymouth Ice Festival planned

Get ready to immerse yourself in a world of icy enchantment as the Plymouth Ice Festival 2025 is planned for Jan. 31, Feb. 1 and Feb. 2.

The annual event takes place throughout downtown Plymouth and features a park full of professionally carved ice sculptures along with exhibits throughout the business community. The festival includes live music, demonstrations, interactive exhibits, a petting zoo with pony rides, games and special festival food vendors.

The event is free and parking fees are collected by civic organizations. The event annually draws huge crowds to view the spectacular ice carvings and enjoy the many activities for all ages planned.

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New township manager is appointed in Northville

Glenn Caldwell has been named as the new Northville Township manager. The former assistant township manager and human resources director was officially named to the position at a November meeting of the Northville Township Board of Trustees.

He will assume the duties of former Township Manager Todd L. Mutchler who announced his retirement effective Dec. 6.

In his new role, Caldwell said he will focus on ensuring the continuity of operations in Northville Township. He added that he plans to build on the successful practices established over the past four years. Caldwell said he places a high value on preserving the township status as a top workplace year after year. In 2023, Northville Township made history as the first local government to receive the Detroit Free Press Top Workplaces award. The township learned in November it won that honor once again for 2024.

"Fostering a positive workplace culture is incredibly important—a lesson I came to deeply appreciate during my time as HR Director," Caldwell said. "It's something I'm committed to continuing and building upon in this new role."

He said he has made it a priority to meet one-on-one with staff to better understand their goals, emphasizing the importance of valuing employees and fostering strong working relationships to better serve residents.

A strong advocate for teamwork and collaboration, he said he encourages a supportive environment within the leadership team, recognizing that many projects require cross-departmental cooperation. Building new relationships within the community is also a priority for him. He said he is eager to connect with as many community members as possible.

Mutchler, who mentored Caldwell throughout his journey, particularly this last year, told him, "Every day is an interview." Mutchler said he has closely observed Caldwell's his growth and success, noting that the continuous development and dedication to the community earned him his new position.

Northville Township Manager Glenn Caldwell

A lifelong Novi resident and graduate of Novi High School, Caldwell's career in the public sector began at 16, when he took a co-op opportunity at Novi City Hall while still in high school. He completed general education studies at Oakland Community College before pursuing a degree in human resources management at Madonna University.

Caldwell dedicated the next 20 years to public service in Novi, where he transitioned from working in finance and the manager's office into human resources as the needs of the city evolved, he recalled.

In 2019, he joined Northville Township, where he served as the Human Resources Director.

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Shop With a Cop

The annual Shop With a Cop event took place this holiday season at Walmart in Belleville where officers from Romulus helped children select Christmas gifts for parents and family members. The event is funded by donations and organized by volunteers. Romulus officers issued a special thank you to everyone involved, noting the help of staff members at Walmart. In Sumpter Township, officers from the police department along with firefighters and first responders helped children shop at both Meijer and Walmart as part of the Van Buren Township Public Safety Shop With a Cop event, funded by local donations. The Shop With a Cop events take place annually in nearly every community.

City of Wayne legal appeal again rejected by state court

The Michigan State Court of Appeals has again denied motions from the City of Wayne to reconsider decisions Wayne stemming from a suit filed against former Councilman Anthony Miller. The city lawsuit claimed Miller breached his fiduciary responsibility to the city when he provided a hostile work environment assessment report to Michigan State Police as part of a separate criminal investigation.

To date, Third Circuit Court Judge Sheila Gibson has found in favor of Miller on every issue and has awarded more than $90,000 in legal fees to the Rasor Law Firm which represents Miller.

Last week, the Michigan Court of Appeals upheld Gibson's rulings and denied another appeal effort by the city.

Gibson ruled, and the appeals judges affirmed, that the confidentiality of the hostile workplace assessment report was removed during a council meeting the day prior to the entire report being posted on the city website. The report was removed after about 15 minutes, but multiple downloads of the document had already occurred. Gibson also ruled the city litigation was filed outside the statute of limitations.

In a separate action, Miller is claiming discrimination by city officials and is demanding redress under the Elliott Larsen Act which prohibits discrimination based on race, religion or sexual orientation. The city argument is that Miller, as an elected official, was not a city employee and therefore not afforded those protections.

Miller's attorney, James Rasor, strongly disagrees with the city argument noting that the city "ruthlessly attacked" Miller and he is entitled to the same protections as "usual employees."

The crux of the city claim is a 2018 independent report that dealt with the conduct of former City Manager Lisa Nocerini and concluded that she should be disciplined up to and including termination. The city lawsuit alleged that the report was a confidential work product.

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New 'cluster' development includes partial Joy Road paving

A new housing development in Plymouth Township will include the paving of 650 feet of Canton Center Road, leaving an unpaved section near Joy Road in the township.

Plymouth Township Supervisor Chuck Curmi is hopeful the township can lobby with Wayne County to provide paving on Canton Center from Ann Arbor Road to Joy in light of the developer's agreement to pave the section.

The development, approved by members of the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees Dec. 10, will be located on a 6.5-acre parcel on the west side of Canton Center Road between Joy and Ann Arbor roads. Plans include both two-story colonial-style and ranch homes and will be priced in the $700,000 range, according to Leo Gonzalez of Phoenix Management Holdings, speaking on behalf of Pulte Homes, the company building the new houses.

"Along the way we decided that based upon the market we wanted to offer a ranch product in this community," Gonzalez said. "This opened up a lot of opportunity for people that are already in single-family residences…to move into this future development, free up some housing that is needed in the community for new families to move in." Features of the development include a landscaped buffer maintained by the homeowners association, a pocket park for community use, and a partial paving of Canton Center Road.

The development is an example of cluster housing, an approach allowing homes in certain areas to be built more closing together than traditional zoning would permit. Regular zoning would allow only 13 homes on the site while the cluster designation will allow Pulte to build 19 homes on the land. Cluster housing is a planning approach that allows homes in certain areas to be grouped more closely together than traditional zoning would typically permit, conserving open space and promoting community interaction.

Following two public hearings regarding the rezoning, the project was unanimously approved by members of the board of trustees.

Developers said a plaque will be installed at the site to commemorate former property owner Jay S. Richards who hired and grew pumpkins and other produce on the land for more than 40 years. Mr. Richards, known affectionately throughout the area as Farmer Jay, died in 2023 at the age of 96.

Manager

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"Under Todd Mutchler's leadership, I've come to understand how vital it is to prioritize your team and their well-being," Caldwell said. "I'm here to provide that support."

Caldwell said he recognizes the vital support from department directors, who are subject matter experts in their respective fields. As township manager, he said he views himself as a communication conduit between directors and the board, ensuring alignment and transparency.

Although Caldwell may have to put aside some of his favorite hobbies—golfing, yard work, and cheering on the Detroit Lions—he said he is excited to embrace this exciting new chapter of his career.

"With a deep appreciation for the community and its people, Manager Caldwell is ready to lead Northville Township into a future of shared success and continued progress," said Township Supervisor Mark J. Abbo.

Court

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The judge dismissed the claims of the city noting that the statute of limitations had expired before the suit was filed and that the city allegation that the report was ever confidential was disproven by a video tape of a city council meeting in which the posting of the report on the city website was discussed and approved by officials.

According to Rasor, in addition to the $90,000 in legal fees, the judge may impose "sanctions" on the city. That means, Rasor said, the judge could decide to levy some punishment against the city for "acting in bad faith." The bad faith, Rasor explained, would be the proof presented during the trial that city officials knew the report was not confidential before the lawsuit was filed.

Miller, who was appointed to the city council in December of 2015 and re-elected twice, resigned his position in June of 2021 during the COVID pandemic and moved out of state. While he said he was hesitant to make any comment on the current situation, he said his treatment by other city officials was a factor in his resignation.

PUBLIC AUCTION

CANTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

THESE VEHICLES HAVE BEEN DEEMED ABANDONED AND WILL BE SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION. THE AUCTION WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY JANUARY 9,2025 @ 10 AM @ 6345 HIX,WESTLAND MI THE VEHICLES WILL BE SOLD AS. STARTING BID IS FOR TOWING AND STORAGE.

VEHICLE ARE SOLD AS IS AND MAY BE REMOVED FROM AUCTION PRIOR TO BIDDING.
ALL BIDS START AT AMOUNT SHOWN FOR TOWING AND STORAGE FEES.

AMOUNT	YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	COLOR	VIN
$6,453.00	2021	JEEP	GRAND CHEROKEE	WHITE	1C4RJFCT8M506192
$1,119.00	2008	HONDA	CIVIC	GREEN	2HGFA16518H336152
$1,075.00	2002	LINCOLN	CONTINENTAL	GOLD	1LNHM97V22Y698852
$1,000.00	2004	CHEVROLET	AVALANCHE	SILVER	3GNEK12T04G198357
$2,335.00	2004	CHRYSLER	SEBRING	SILVER	1C3EL55R84N360101
$2,545.00	2009	DODGE	GRAND CARAVAN	SILVER	2D8HN54179R569663
$2,535.00	2006	DODGE	DURANGO	BLACK	1D4HB48NX6F135015
$2,185.00	2007	CHEVROLET	COBALT	RED	1G1AL15F877401109
$2,670.00	2014	FORD	FUSION	WHITE	3FA6P0H93ER200909
$2,115.00	2014	CHEVROLET	MALIBU	WHITE	1G11H5SL3EF283119
$1,750.00	2010	FORD	FUSION	BLACK	3FAHP0JA2AR135249
$1,770.00	2013	CHEVROLET	CRUZE	RED	1G1PG5SB5D7251270
$1,825.00	2016	NISSAN	ROGUE	WHITE	KNMAT2MT4GP715795
$1,720.00	2015	CHEVROLET	MALIBU	BLACK	1G11C5SL7FF181872
$1,300.00	2005	LAND ROVER	LR3	BLACK	SALAE25405A320250
$1,240.00	1994	FORD	MUSTANG	YELLOW	1FALP42T9RF227033
$1,450.00	2002	DODGE	RAM	GRAY	1D7HA16N12J245045
$1,405.00	2002	TOYOTA	CAMRY	SILVER	2T1CE22PX2C011567

PUBLIC AUCTION

HOLT & SON AUTO WRECKING LLC

THE FOLLOWING CARS HAVE BEEN DEEMED ABANDONED BY THE INKSTER POLICE DEPT. AND WILL BE SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION AT HOLT & SON AUTO WRECKING LLC AT 27350 PRINCETON ST INKSTER, MI 48141 ON THE DAY OF JAN. 9 AT 10AM

Year	Make	VIN/HIN/Serial Number	Model & Body Style
2014	CHEVROLET	1G1JC6SHXE4189363	SW
2008	CHEVROLET	1GNDS13S3382252153	SW
2013	FORD	3FA6POH70DR384428	4D
1998	FORD	1FMZU35P1WUD39964	SW
2003	CHRYSLER	3C4FY58BX3T638740	4D
2011	CHEVROLET	1G1ZC5E14BF278308	4D
2018	TOYOTA	2T1BURHE2JC100562	4D
2006	NISSAN	1N4AL11D36N395568	4D
2012	HONDA	JHMGE8G39CS004246	4D
2006	TOYOTA	JTEEW21A660026999	SW
2014	HYUNDAI	5NPEC4AC2EH9333	4D
2011	HYUNDAI	5NPEB4AC1BH046569	4D
2004	JEEP	1J4GW48S54C288185	
1999	PONTIAC	1GMDX03EXXD317707	SW

PUBLIC AUCTION

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2011 INTERNATIONAL DURASTAR 4300 1HTJTSKL9BH358901
2005 INTERNATIONAL 4000 1HTMMAAM85H114157
2010 CHRYSLER SEBRING 1C3CC5FB6AN148320
2011 FORD FUSION 3FAHP0HA0BR138979
2014 DODGE DART 1C3CDFAA3ED771391
2005 KAWASAKI PRAIRIE 360 JKBVFHA135B549719
1995 DODGE RAM 1500 1B7HF16ZXSS335643
2007 GMC SAVANA 1GTGG25V071180496
2011 CHRYSLER T&C 2A4RR5DG9BR803426
2009 CHRYSLER T&C 2A8HR54149R645545
1995 CHEVROLET CAMARO 2G1FP22P4S2129011
1987 FORD MUSTANG 1FABP40A8HF210476
1986 CHEVROLET MOTORHOME 1GBJP37WXG3331547
1992 CADILLAC BROUGHAM 1G6DW54E8NR704598
1988 CHEVROLET GMT 2GCH39N9J1248750
UNK UNK TRAILER UTL
UNK CHEVROLET MONTE CARLO 138571K141907
UNK UNK FRAME UTL
2013 FORD TAURUS 1FAHP2E89DG227814
2010 CHRYSLER TOWN & COUNTRY 2A4RR8D18AR415132
2011 FORD FUSION 3FAHP0JG3BR117204
2013 ACURA ILX 19VDE1F52DE003791
2015 HYUNDAI GENESIS KMHGN4JE1FU071271
2009 FORD FOCUS 1FAHP35NX9W225076
1997 TOYOTA CAMRY 4T1BG22K8VU797026
1983 FORD E-SERIES 1FDKE30GXDHB52170
2004 HONDA VTX 1300 RETRO 1HFSC52044A104765
2000 MERCURY GRAND MARQUIS 2MEFM74W2YX683756
1998 NISSAN ALTIMA 1N4DL01D7WC216189
1980 KENWORTH TRACTOR 908570C
2005 GREAT DANE TRAILER 1GRAA06295W700278
2008 LINCOLN MKZ 3LNHM26T68R603661
2022 TAOTAO MOPED L9NTCBAE3N1304923
2001 TOYOTA TUNDRA 5TBRT34161S202366
1994 THOMPSON BOAT TMS37357E495
2017 FORD ESCAPE 1FMCU0GDXHUB40583
2020 HYUNDAI ELANTRA 5NPD84LF9LH498157
2016 HONDA CIVIC 19XFC2F59GE243890
2014 DODGE CHARGER 2C3CDXBG3EH145089
2015 NISSAN SENTRA 3N1AB7AP7FL663986
2016 NISSAN ALTIMA 1N4AL3AP7GC174347
2017 DODGE GRAND CARAVAN 2C4RDGCG2HR748991
ZUNGSHEN DIRT BIKE L0WHDNM2XP1000207
2008 FORD EDGE 2FMDK38C68BA87808
2013 CHRYSLER 300 2C3CCAAG4DH510055
2002 OLDSMOBILE INTRIGUE 1G3WH52HX2F268816
2013 CHEVROLET CRUZE 1G1PA5SH3D7281082
2008 FORD EDGE 2FMDK39C58BB39590
2013 DODGE JOURNEY 3C4PDCDG9DT656783

7th Annual
"Curling Royale"
in
"R" District

Mary Ann Banks Park
37200 Goddard Road, Romulus, MI 48174
Saturday, January 18, 2025 at 2:00 pm
TEAM registration $25 per person
Registration begins at 12:00 pm

Great Lakes BURN CAMP

*ALL PROCEEDS of this fun event will help fund the "Great Lakes Burn Camp for Kids"
(Please make checks payable to: Great Lakes Burn Camp.)
(If you are unable to participate, donations are always welcome.)

4-Person Teams - $100 per team /$25 per person
Pre-registration is recommended. This event is popular and fills up quickly!
Sign-up your team in advance by visiting the QR code or calling (734) 942-7545.
NO experience necessary! Snacks and refreshments available for purchase.
(This event is weather permitting. (ice freezing) The backup date is the next Saturday: January 25th)
*Join us for a special Happy Hour at Artisan Reserve following the event

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